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## House of Representatives

The House was not in session today. Its next meeting will be held on Friday, January 23, 2004, at 10 a.m.

## Senate

THURSDAY, JANUARY 22, 2004

The Senate met at 9:30 a.m., and was called to order by the President pro tempore [Mr. STEVENS].

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. This morning I have the honor of presenting the former chaplain of the United States Senate, Dr. Lloyd J. Ogilvie, to lead us in prayer.

### PRAYER

The guest Chaplain offered the following prayer:

Almighty God, reigning Lord of this Nation, the Senate, and our personal lives, we are one Nation under You, our sovereign God. You have chosen us to love, glorify, obey, and serve You. We choose to be chosen and rededicate our lives to You.

We praise You for the great women and men who serve You as Members of this Senate. Continue to set ablaze their hearts with the fires of patriotic passion. You have made the formation of public policy one of the highest callings and have given to these Senators the awesome challenge of shaping the destiny of our Nation and our world. Grant them supernatural power to think Your thoughts, tune their hearts to the frequency of Your wisdom, and energize them with the resiliency of Your strength.

We thank You for the President pro tempore, TED STEVENS. We ask Your blessing on BILL FRIST and TOM DASCHLE, MITCH MCCONNELL, and HARRY REID as they seek to lead this Senate with the unity of shared vision for what is best for our Nation, with tolerance for differing convictions, and with the mutual esteem which is so crucial to progress. Thank You for

Chaplain Barry Black, for his dynamic spiritual leadership and friendship. Grant every person working in the Senate family a renewed experience of Your unfailing love and faithful care. Grant them courage to press on with their strategic roles. You are our Lord and Saviour. Amen.

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The PRESIDENT pro tempore led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America and to the Republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

### RECOGNITION OF THE ACTING MAJORITY LEADER

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The acting majority leader is recognized.

### SCHEDULE

Mr. MCCONNELL. Mr. President, this morning the Senate will resume debate on the conference report to accompany H.R. 2673, the Omnibus appropriations bill. Under the order, there will be 4½ hours for debate prior to a second cloture vote. It is my hope that cloture will be invoked and that the Senate can then conclude action on this vital funding measure. Senators should therefore expect at least one vote—we hope two, beginning at approximately 2 this afternoon. If time is yielded back, that vote may come earlier. As always, we will notify Senators when the vote is expected.

On behalf of the majority leader, I would also announce that if we finish the Omnibus this afternoon, the Senate may begin consideration of the pension rate reform bill. Prior to our adjournment, we reached a unanimous consent agreement for the consideration of that bill. Members who intend to debate and offer amendments to the pension rate bill should remain available following today's Omnibus vote.

I thank all colleagues for their attention and we hope to wrap up the Omnibus this afternoon.

I yield the floor.

### RECOGNITION OF THE MINORITY LEADER

The PRESIDENT pro tempore. The minority leader is recognized.

Mr. DASCHLE. Mr. President, I ask the assistant majority leader if he can advise Members with regard to the schedule tomorrow, whether any roll-call votes are expected.

Mr. MCCONNELL. I say to my friend and Democratic leader, I should be able to advise him later in the day, but I need to consult first with the majority leader.

### WELCOME TO FORMER CHAPLAIN LLOYD OGILVIE

Mr. DASCHLE. Mr. President, he has left the Chamber, but I begin my remarks by welcoming our former chaplain, Lloyd Ogilvie. He has so many friends and it is such a delight to see him. I know I will have an opportunity to talk to him personally later. His

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